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FOR: Composition For Providing Long-Term Stability To Cells For Diagnostic Testing

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AMENDMENT

In response to the Official Action of March 13, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 1 as follows.

1. (Amended) A composition for stabilizing the structure and nucleic acids of at least one cell, said composition being comprised of:
- (a) a first substance capable of precipitating or denaturing proteins, comprising at least one alcohol or ketone; and

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